

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Montgomery Field Terminal Building**  
*Meeting of August 11, 2009*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice-Chair Chuck McGill, J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Tenant), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community Planning Group), Tom Dray (Montgomery Tower), Juan Escalante (Brown Field Aviation Tenant), Buzz Gibbs (Montgomery Field Community Group), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Planning Group), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community Council), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Committee), and Kevin O'Donnell (Special Expertise).

**MEMBERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Chair Buzz Fink (Special Expertise)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christian Anderson, Nate Cobb, Grace Chao, Ernie Gesell, David Jarrell Wayne Reiter, Mike Tussey, Robert Zolezzi

**GUESTS:** Clark Andrews, Rick Beach, Nici Boon, Bonnie Daniels, Rod Grove, Michael Hotaling, Harry Kelly, Ray Richmond, Tom Ricotta, Larry Rothrock, David Ryan, Bob Turner

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman McGill called the meeting to order at 3:04. A quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 14, 2009 regular meeting were approved as written. All members present voted unanimously for the approval.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

At the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Dr. Aldrich requested that the issue of engine run-ups be placed on the August meeting agenda. On the onset of that latter meeting, Deputy Director Mike Tussey initiated the discussion by stating that, as a general rule, airport management prefers engine run-ups to be performed near takeoff areas in the proper hold short locations, or, when directed by ATC, on the numbers of Rwy 5. Mr. Tussey then asked for comment on the issue.

Bob Turner contended that several aircraft were conducting run-ups on or near taxiways, taxilanes and between hangars. Mr. Turner voiced his concern about the safety and the potential for damage to aircraft and injury to people. Ray Richmond (Crownair) volunteered that his staff would no longer run-up aircraft when pointed at someone else's property. Deputy Director Tussey directed MYF Airport Manager Ernie Gesell to meet with the FBO's and devise a solution.

At the behest of Flattop tenant Daniel Lee at the prior meeting, a second New Business issue was whether a Part 135 certificated aircraft could be hangared in an area reserved for recreational aircraft.

Deputy Director Mike Tussey asked the committee and public for comment on the issue. Rod Grove read a letter from Mr. Lee, who chose not to attend. In his letter, Mr. Lee asked for modification of the Flattop-Marigold policy that prohibits the use of these hangars for commercial purposes. Mr. Grove stated that the aircraft in question is listed on Jet Method's Part 135 certificate, but is rarely used for charter flights. Mr. Grove also said that since Jet Methods is based out of Palomar airport, the aircraft would never be flown from Montgomery Field for hire. Acting Chair Chuck McGill suggested that Deputy Director Tussey and MYF Airport Manager Gesell resolve this issue.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **6. STAFF AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Deputy Director of Airports, Mike Tussey, recognized the Airports Division's budget analyst Grace Chao for her outstanding work with the Airport's \$17 million grants as well as the Airports Division budget. In addition, Mr. Tussey commended Ms. Chao for her hard work involving the City of San Diego's new SAP computer system.

An informal vote was conducted to decide the location of the December 8<sup>th</sup> AAC luncheon. The result of the vote was a tie, so the issue will be put on September's AAC agenda for future discussion.

Deputy Director Mike Tussey reported that the LPV approach to RWY 8L at SDM will not be implemented due to terrain in the area of the missed approach procedure.

### **MYF Tower Manager**

Tom Dray reported that over the weekend of August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, there was music being broadcasted on the tower frequency (119.2). Controllers have been unable to determine the source. Mr. Dray also announced he was interested in expanding his Certified Flight Instructors (CFI) contact list, and that any flight instructor who operates out of MYF and is interested in ATC updates should give him his/her contact information.

### **MYF Airport Manager**

Ernie Gesell announced that MYF recently hired a new utility worker (Javier Melendrez). Mr. Gesell spoke about Javier's contacts with brush management and open spaces, and how he utilized them to remove several tons of brush from the southwest corner of the airport. Mr. Gesell also announced he will be on vacation from August 13<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **SDM Airport Manager**

Wayne Reiter reported that the electrical work on Runway 8R/26L should be finished in about two weeks, and on August 30<sup>th</sup>, construction will start on RWY 26R. The construction will last approximately two months. The runway will be closed Sunday – Thursday, from 0001-0800.

*(NOTE: Subsequent developments have changed this to Sun. – Thurs., from 0001-0800.)*

Runway 26L cannot be lit at this time, due to electrical safety issues.

#### Airports Development Coordinator

Christian Anderson reported that the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with DPC had been accepted by the Land Use and Housing Committee (LU&H) and Council.

#### SDM Associate Property Agent

Robert Zolezzi reported that there will not be a board managed contract to remove the gypsum from SDM, but that he is pursuing a new grant to pay for the removal.

#### Deputy Director

##### Brown Field Capital/Consultant Projects

- Electrical Upgrade II/III: *\$2.5 million construction at 45%*
- SDM Perimeter Fencing Phase II: *\$462,452 FAA Grant accepted (\$485,000 project to Oct. Council)*
- Rwy 8L/26R Rehab Design: *Composition of RFP in progress.*
- Master Plan: *ALP submitted to FAA for review; AMP Advisory Committee's 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting 7/30*

##### Montgomery Field Capital/Consultant Projects

- Rwy 10L/28R design at 70%: *Request for temporary lights Rwy 10R/28L, June-July 2010, \$3,861,220*
- Rwy 5/23, Twy G Rehab Design: *To Council in October*

#### **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m. The time and place of the next AAC meeting will be on September 08, 2009 at the Montgomery Field Terminal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel Cobb

